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		18. Danichapori
		19. Harkpathar
		20. Dighali-Debera
		21. Kharkati
		22. Rangalipathar
		23. Gellapukhuri
		24. Dilaji
		25. Burhachaporigaon
		26. Kachadhara-Nakhandra
2. 1994-95	:	Nil
3. 1995-96	:	Nil

Consumer Complaints and Redressal System

2388. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the representatives of the consumer organisations at their meeting with him had stressed the need to strengthen the consumer complaint and redressal system especially at the State level; and

(b) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) :
(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Exploration of Granite

2389. SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have undertaken any investigation into the granite wealth in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for exploration of granite as export product?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) and (b). Granite being a minor mineral, the concerned State Governments are responsible for the exploitation of reserves besides, exploration activity. However, in view of the importance assured by this mineral, Geological Survey of India (GSI) has take up intensive resource survey of about 39,065 Sq.km. area of Granite deposits in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal since 1994. The detailed coverage in different states is as per *statement* enclosed.

(c) Govt. of India has constituted a body named 'Granite Development Council' which includes members from Central Govt. and its Organisations, State Governments, Industry associations as private entrepreneurs to address the issues relating to development of Granite industry.

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Geological Survey of India has taken up Intensive Resource Survey of Granite in the Country since 1994 as under :-

Name of State	Area covered in Sq.Km.
1. Andhra Pradesh	12,000
2. Assam	80
3. Bihar	645
4. Gujarat	750
5. Haryana	105
6. Karnataka	3,950
7. Kerala	1,000
8. Madhya Pradesh	1,350
9. Maharashtra	1,950
10. Meghalaya	205
11. Orissa	1,200
12. Rajasthan	11,000
13. Tamil Nadu	2,050
14. Uttar Pradesh	1,700
15. West Bengal	1,080
Total	39,065

Sugar Stock

2390. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether a huge quantity of sugar exists surplus in the country at present;

(b) if so, the estimated quantity thereof;

(c) the quantity of sugar released for free sale recently, State/Union Territory-wise; and

(d) the Government's present thinking about the export of this commodity?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) and (b). The estimated stock of sugar with the factories as on 30.6.1996 was 113.20 lakh tonnes.

(c) A Statement giving Statewise release of freesale sugar for the month of August, 1996 is enclosed.

(d) In view of the higher level of sugar production, Government have so far notified a quantity of about 10.00 lakh tonnes of sugar for commercial export.

STATEMENT

Statement giving State-wise Releases of Freesale Sugar for the Month of August, 1996.

S.No.	States	August Quota (in M.T.)
1.	Punjab	35496.8
2.	Haryana	20441.1
3.	Rajasthan	1286.8
4.	U.P.	213235.2
5.	Madhya Pradesh	6077.2
6.	Gujarat	44952.5
7.	Maharashtra	236139.8
8.	Bihar	17282.4
9.	Assam	492.5
10.	Orissa	5043.4
11.	West Bengal	227.2
12.	Nagaland	47.5
13.	Andhra Pradesh	32933.7
14.	Karnataka	48150.0
15.	Tamil Nadu	59679.9
16.	Pondicherry	2365.6
17.	Kerala	407.4
18.	Goa	741.0
Total		725000.0

Construction of Five Star Hotels by I.T.D.C.

2391. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the India Tourism Development Corporation has constructed some five star hotels in foreign countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the locations?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) No, Sir. ITDC has not constructed any five star hotel in foreign countries.

(b) Does not arise.

Disabled Persons suffering from Contiguous Diseases

2392. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of disabled persons and other suffering from polio, T.B., cancer, blindness and other

contiguous diseases in the country as on March, 31, 1996; State-wise;

(b) the amount of assistance given to each State for the welfare of such disabled and other persons during each of the last three years;

(c) whether there is any system to monitor the expenditure incurred by each State out of the above central assistance;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Union Government are aware that the above funds have been diverted by the States for some other purposes;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (g). Required information is being collected from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the State Governments/UT Administrations.

Types of Aircrafts

2393. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Air India and Indian Airlines have acquired different type of aircraft during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The details of aircraft acquired by Air India and Indian Airlines are as under:

	Indian Airlines	Air India
1993	7-A320	3-B747-400
1994	5-A320	1-B747-400
1995	—	—
1996	—	—
(Upto July, 1996)		

FM AIR Station

2394. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of FM AIR stations at present, State-wise;

(b) the number of new FM stations proposed to be set up during the next two years;

(c) whether the Government propose to start stereophonic broadcast on the FM channels; and